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1. On 1 January 1951, the Leipzig Iron and Steelworks was separated from the VVB GUS and became an independent VVB enterprise under the designation "LES". It is reported that an unspecified number of plants are scheduled to be added to the LES, but it is not yet known which plants are affected. To date it is known only that the VEB Moelkau Iron Foundry, formerly under the control of the GUS, was placed under the control of the LES on 1 January 1951. However, until mid-1951 the GUS will continue to supply the LES, since the 1951 plan had already started when this change was made.

2. In mid-December 1950, the Soviet Zone government placed an order with the Leipzig Iron and Steelworks for the delivery of 50,000 tank track shoes. The plant had already started production of these track shoes. The order was for the small-type track shoes consisting of individual plates connected by four or five joints. There were vertical and horizontal strips on the treads. On the inside of each track shoe was a tooth-shaped device (zahnartig). *

3. A copy was obtained of a letter sent by the VEB Leipzig Iron and Steelworks to the commanding officer of the "Voso" at the RBD (German Railroad Administration) in Halle (M 52/D 92) regarding the allocation of railroad cars for a shipment [redacted] **

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25X1A * [redacted] Comment. Before being nationalized, the Leipzig Iron and Steelworks was the Meier & Weichelt K.G. The production of tank track shoes by this plant has been reported repeatedly. The fact that this plant was made into an independent VVB indicates an increase in the production of tank track shoes.

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. For a translation of this letter, see Annex. [redacted] is the tank repairshop in Muellrose (N 53/V 42). The abbreviation "Voso" means Soviet transportation office. 25X1A

1 Annex: Copy of a letter.

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